



# VENTURA COUNTY

# 2026 YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AWARD APPLICATION

Since 1976, Ventura County California Women for Agriculture has diligently worked to empower, engage and educate women in agriculture to be at the forefront of our industry. From the field to the boardroom, VC-CWA members are actively creating change in our county as we adapt to a more urban environment, ensuring we can continue tackling the needs of the world's growing demand for reliable food, fuel and fiber.

As we look to the future, VC-CWA is proud to support livestock exhibitors and the aspirations of promising local students interested in agriculture or other related fields. By investing in the extra-curricular endeavors of our local youth, we strive to cultivate future leaders who will contribute to the continued success and sustainability of Ventura County's agricultural community.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AWARD SPECIFICS:

Funds received through the VC-CWA Livestock Award can be used to offset the cost of equipment, show supplies, show uniform, feed, or the cost of the animal(s).

- **Large Livestock Projects**
  - **\$750** – Market Steer **OR** Breeding Heifer
  - **\$500** – Market Lamb, Market Swine, Market Goats **OR** Breeding Ewe/Ram
- **Small Livestock Project**
  - **\$200** – Pen of Market Rabbits
  - **\$200** – Market Poultry

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Ventura County resident (Caprinteria FFA students eligible).
- Must be a 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent youth livestock exhibitor aged 9-18 exhibiting at the 2026 Ventura County Fair.
- Must be a member in good standing of their respective organization.
- Must show dedication to furthering the progress of agriculture or an associated field.
- Financial need may be taken into consideration, but is not required.

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

- Applications must be emailed by **May 1, 2026**.



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## **APPLICATION** *(for students ages 9-13 as of January 1, 2026)*

If you are an applicant applying for the 2026 VC-CWA Livestock Award and are between the ages of 9 and 13 (**as of January 1, 2026**), the selection committee would like to learn more about you and your project.

Please create a video featuring yourself and your project animal that is at least one minute in length and includes the topics below, along with anything else you'd like to share with the selection committee:

- Your name.
- The name of the club/group/chapter that you are a member of.
- How long you've been a member of your club/chapter/group and how long you have been showing livestock?
- The breed and species of livestock you are exhibiting.
- What are you doing to prepare for the fair?
- What are you most looking forward to when exhibiting at the fair?
- What is the most interesting thing you've learned about your project?
- How would receiving this grant make a difference for you and your family while raising this project?

### **Supporting Materials:**

In addition to the video, applicants aged 9-13 must also provide:

- A completed VC-CWA Livestock Award application (pages 1-3 of this document)

### **Submission & Contact Information:**

The completed application and video must be emailed no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2026** to **[scholarships@cwaventura.com](mailto:scholarships@cwaventura.com)**.

For more information, contact **[scholarships@cwaventura.com](mailto:scholarships@cwaventura.com)**.



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**APPLICATION** *(for students ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2026)*

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If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and applying for the 2026 VC-CWA Livestock Award, the selection committee would like to learn more about you and your livestock project.

Please submit a typed essay of at least **500 words, double-spaced, using Times New Roman, 12-point font.**

**ESSAY PROMPT**

The VC-CWA Livestock Award recognizes young agricultural leaders who demonstrate dedication, responsibility, and a passion for raising and exhibiting livestock. In a well-organized essay, explain why you deserve this award.

Consider discussing:

- Your experience raising and caring for livestock, including challenges you have overcome.
- The skills and life lessons you have gained through your livestock project.
- How participating in livestock exhibitions has shaped your character, work ethic, and future goals.
- The impact of agriculture on your life and how you plan to contribute to the industry.
- How receiving this award would support your growth and future aspirations in agriculture.
- If you and your family are facing financial hardships, please elaborate on that if you feel comfortable.

Within your essay, please make sure to include which club/chapter/group you are affiliated with, how long you've been a member, and the breed and species you will be exhibiting.

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**APPLICATION continued** *(for students ages 14-18 ONLY)*

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**Supporting Materials:**

In addition to the essay, applicants aged 14-18 must also provide

- A completed VC-CWA Livestock Award application (pages 1-3 of this document)
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member or project/club/chapter leader

**Submission & Contact Information:**

*The completed application and essay must be emailed no later than **5 p.m. on May 1, 2026** to **[scholarships@cwaventura.com](mailto:scholarships@cwaventura.com)**.*

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Agriculture: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Projects Currently Involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Projects Previously Involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student occupation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment history (for the last two years): \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a related to a member of VC-CWA?  YES  NO

If yes, please give their name. \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INFORMATION

I am applying for the VC-CWA Livestock Grant to offset the cost of my Breeding/Market project that will be exhibited at the 2026 Ventura County Fair. **Please select one project below.**

- \$750** – Market Steer **OR** Breeding Heifer
- \$500** – Market Lamb, Market Swine, Market Goats **OR** Breeding Ewe/Ram
- \$200** – Pen of Market Rabbits or Market Poultry

<b>Estimated income from sale of animal:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	
Cost of the animal(s)	<b>\$</b>
Feed and supplements	<b>\$</b>
Veterinary supplies/appointments	<b>\$</b>
Boarding and other expenses	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>ESTIMATED NET INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$</b>

## FAMILY INFORMATION

**Father/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Guardian Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby apply for the Ventura County California Women for Agriculture Livestock Award to be used towards the purchase and care of the animal specified on page 2 of this application. For VC-CWA to approve my request, I promise to abide by the following rules:

- 1. I will only use the awarded funds to offset the cost of the animal(s), equipment, show supplies, show uniform, or feed.
- 2. I will care for the animal in accordance with sound animal husbandry practices in accordance with the rules set forth by the Ventura County Fair.
- 3. I will notify VC-CWA within ten business days of any significant changes in the Project Information (*i.e: deceased livestock project, project animal unable to be exhibited, etc*).

I hereby certify that the above information is true, complete and accurate as of the date I have signed this Application/Agreement. I understand that I am only allowed one VC-CWA Livestock Grant per year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am aware of and have approved the project described on this Application/Agreement and will ensure the funds are used according to the parameters set forth by VC-CWA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**LEADER/ADVISOR CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am the authorized Project Leader/Advisor of the member listed above. The student referenced in this application is a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ and I am aware of the project.

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**Project Leader/Advisor Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**